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CLUB HEADQUARTERS SAYS, "SO LONG, TIMES SQUARE", MOVES TO NEW HOME, SEPT. 1

OPC offices will transfer headquarters to the new Club building on East 39th Street, Sept. 1, it was announced at the Board of Governors meeting Thursday night.

The session, devoted to final plans for the move which opens a new OPC era, was also the last in the Times Tower rooms for the Board. Its next meeting is scheduled Sept. 16--in the Club's new home, the Memorial Press Center.

Secretary Treasurer A. WILFRED MAY reported that renovation of the building was virtually completed. All that's left is the paper-hanging, sanding of the floors and telephone installation. The painting chore is 75 per cent finished. Kitchen equipment is scheduled to be moved in August 25.

More, and equally important, news:

That Priority Item No. 1--a Club liquor license--is expected to be forthcoming within two weeks. MAY and Manager James V. Foley wrapped this up in a conference Thursday with authorities of the New York City Alcoholic Beverages Control Board. When the license is actually issued, the Membership will be notified and service at the Club will be made available immediately.

Meanwhile, Program Chairman TEX MC CRARY appeared at the Board meeting, reporting in detail on plans for luncheon speakers and other social affairs in the works, following a meeting of the committee that day.

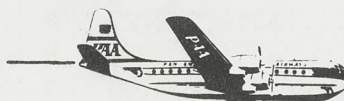
NO PROGRAM THIS WEEK

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THE TOWN CRIER!

BOB LABLONDE left for the Philippines in connection with the impending opening of a new Cal-Tex refinery near Manila... BEN WRIGHT, now a Vice President of Holt, has been named publisher of Field and Stream, effective with the August issue. He'll continue as a Holt VP... GENE JONES postcards to HAL LAVINE from Kaula Lumpur: "Indo-China was a busy place. Had it with the Africans before the truce, and most interesting it was. Few days Hong Kong, Manila, Singapore, and now upcountry with the British Army at Kuala Lumpur. Malaya still jumping"... LELAND STOWE, after two years with Radio Free Europe in Munich, where he was director of its News and Information Service--and later Research Coordinator--returned to the U.S. in July. Lee and his wife, Dollika, went to their summer place in New Hampshire, where they will stay until the end of September. After that, it's an East Side apartment. With an overseas record as a foreign correspondent and war correspondent for some fifteen out of the last 25 years, Lee hopes to "spend more time in the U.S.A.--for a while at least, and if the not-so-cold war will let me"... Newsweek's FRANK GIBNEY on "Author Meets the Critics" over the weekend. The book under discussion: William Faulkner's latest, "The Fable"... ROLAND GAMMON, managing editor of See for the past four years, resigned this week to finish his picture story of the world's great religions. The book, entitled "Truth Is One," will be published October 5 by Harpers. GAMMON leaves later this month on a round-the-world good-will flight with the World Parliament of Religions. He'll be the press director... WILL OURSLER has the lead piece in Esquire for September. It's called "Manhattan Jungle"... The William Allen White Foundation has reprinted ED BERNAYS' talk "A Thought for Doers"... Commentary is publishing HAL LEHRMAN's "notebook" of his recent flying trip to Morocco as a two-part series in its August and September issues. The New Leader this week features a piece by Hal on Turkey... VIRGINIA PREWETT MIZELLE, on a guest appearance on Martha Deane's program recently, told listeners why she would choose Mexico for an ideal vacation, out of the 24 countries that she knows... DAVID RESNICK served as Discussion Leader on Public Relations at Yale's Northeastern Institute for trade-association and chamber of commerce executives early this month... HAZEL SHORE and Maurice Edward Currie were married last month in Washington. They'll live in Georgetown... Erratum and Nostra Culpa: LARRY SPIVAK informs that in a recent issue the Bulletin said his daughter, Judy, was Third Secretary at the Embassy in Belgrade. This, he says, is wrong. It is his son-in-law, William Lee Frost, who is Third Secretary.

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NEW MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONSACTIVE:

Ben Frederic Carruthers, manager, Edward Thomas Associates; International Broadcasting Division, U.S. Dept. of State, New York from June 1944 to June 1946; Brazilian Government Trade Bureau from June 1946 to March 1947; Win Nathanson & Associates from March 1947 to October 1948; United Nations Secretariat, Division of Human Rights from February 1949 to February 1953. Proposed by EDWARD THOMAS; seconded by LEWIS H. BOWEN.

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Loring C. Merwin, publisher, The Daily Pantagraph (Bloomington, Illinois); public relations officer and combat correspondent, U.S. Naval Forces in Europe from January 1944 to July 1945. Proposed by JOSEPH WILLICOMBE, JR.; seconded by J.C. DINE.

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U.S. NEWSMAN WINS IN LONDON COURT
 IN SUIT AGAINST AIR FORCE DAILY

Alan C. Webber, formerly of the United Press London Bureau and the Waterbury, Conn., Times, won a judgment in London of \$570 against the Air Force Daily, which he claimed let him out for economy reasons without sufficient notice.

Webber had been hired in London by the Daily (now the American Daily and was cut from the staff with two weeks notice. In London, a desk man must be given three months notice, and the judge held that since the American newsman was hired on the London market, he was entitled to the same protection given British newsmen. Therefore, he was entitled to three months' salary in lieu of notice.

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SHIFT AT TIME MOVES SIX

Time-Life, in a recent shuffle of overseas staffers, has changed the stations of six correspondents. DAVE RICHARDSON, ex-Mideaster and more recently on a fellowship for a year at Princeton, heads later in the month for Mexico City. He replaces BOB LUBAR, who goes with his wife, Pat, to London, where a staff increase was called for because of the new Luce publication, Sports Illustrated.

In other moves, Dean Brelis comes back to New York from Rome, Milt Orshefsky replaces him from the Paris bureau, and Tim Foote goes from New York to replace Orshefsky and Alex Campbell goes to New Delhi from Johannesburg, South Africa. No replacement has been announced for the Jo'burg spot.

MURROW RENEWS MC CARTHY BLAST
IN LOOK ARTICLE

EDWARD R. MURROW, in an article on him in Look magazine this week, hit out again at Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy, charging that the Wisconsin senator had destroyed the reputations of certain witnesses called before his committee and cost them their jobs without offering the evidence to back up his accusations.

MURROW said that more dangerous than McCarthy's treatment of individual witnesses, however, was his "disrespect for due process of law."

"I saw in Germany and Czechoslovakia that the law is destroyed first, and then, after the law is gone, the freedom of the people is destroyed," MURROW said.

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* THE OVERSEAS TICKER *

The editors of the Bulletin publish the following dispatch from JOHN WILHELM with a fervent sigh of thanks to JOHN and with an earnest prayer that "may serve as an inspiration" to Bulletin correspondents and Club members both overseas and in the U.S.

Mexico City -- Most of the regular correspondents stationed here are back after covering the Guatemalan revolt and subsequent political re-alignment there.

Those who were in Guatemala from Mexico included Robert Lubar of Time-Life, Jack Rutledge of the AP, Robert Prescott of the UP, Sidney Gruson of the New York Times, Flora Lewis of the London Express, and John Wix of INS --- all normally stationed here.

They brought back innumerable stories of filing problems and a number of anecdotes of which two are worth passing on even at this late date. Patrick Catling of the Baltimore Sun was frustrated in Guatemala City, by the censorship, from sending what he thought was an adequate account of events. Accordingly, to demonstrate graphically to his editors what his problem was, he sat down and filed more or less the party line on Guatemala. He thought his editors would understand.

However, in Baltimore the Sun editors were astounded to receive the pro-red copy and, after long consultation and debate, phoned this Washington correspondent, "Please make a protest to the State Department that our correspondent in Guatemala City has been brainwashed," they ordered. Or so the story goes.

A second story, vouched for by Jack Rutledge of the AP, concerned an anti-communist underground leader named "Happy" who was caught by the Arbenz secret police and subjected to considerable torture including internal injuries that, at the time of the revolt, only gave him six months to live at best. With the revolt, the tortured man was freed and immediately left his death bed to watch for the man he remembered who tortured him. He is going up and down the streets of Guatemala looking. His one hope --- that he can find and kill his man.

President Ruiz Cortines of Mexico, long opposed to big press parties accompanying him, some time ago cut the group to a meager 12 with no foreign representation. However, on a recent trip to the northwest of Mexico he relented and announced three foreign correspondents could accompany him. First to go were Charles Guphill, AP bureau chief in Mexico; John Wilhelm of McGraw-Hill's Mexican bureau; and Robert Benjamin of the Spanish-language Magazine Vision.

An amusing incident on the trip greatly pleased the president and will probably lead to more foreign correspondents being included in his trips.


Ruiz Cortines was holding an extended press conference on the veranda of his hotel in Guaymas when he inquired of the reporters if anyone had a cigarette. Promptly several Mexican reporters proffered packs of cigarettes, but the President noticed they were all imported brands and he said rather plaintively, "Aren't there any Mexican cigarettes?" At this Guphill reached in his shirt pocket and pulled out a pack of the strong black Mexican cigarettes smoked by laborers in Mexico and evoked a roar of laughter by saying "Quiere un Delicado, Sr. Presidente?" The President took one and smoked it. Apparently his favorite brand.


The foreign press lunched with the head of Mexico's all-powerful political party, the PRI, last week. As quite a political pulling and hauling is going on between various elements that make up this party (the present administration which is about center, the past administrative group of Miguel Aleman which is right, and the founder of the party, Gen. Lazaro Cardenas, who is left), the correspondents hoped to clear up many questions in their minds about Mexican politics. However, after battering away for nearly two hours, they found the PRI boss hadn't divulged one interesting fact. Things are as muddy as ever.


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Robert Lubar, (Time) and family took a house in the Pacific playport of Acapulco for a month's vacation. Ditto for Sid Grusons (New York Times) family in Cuernavaca. Robert Benjamin of Vision sporting a new Ford Victoria with white leather seats. Jack Rutledge of AP back from two weeks vacation in Texas with his three year old daughter Sally. John Wilhelm week-ending with his family in Oaxaca.

New arrival in Mexico City is Chet Opal, former crack police reporter with the Chicago City News Bureau and more recently with the State Department in the Balkans. He is assigned to the public affairs section of the U. S. Embassy in Mexico working with Orville "Andy" Anderson. Both have many friends among the foreign press.

Newly appointed correspondent of the London Times in Mexico City is Michael Field, replacing Betty Kirk who will devote herself to other writing.

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